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SUBJECT: WMO SEVENTH SESSION OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA (RA IV),
SUMMARY REPORT.

REF: A) STATE 084396; B) GENEVA 6604

1. THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA (RA IV) OF WMO WAS HELD IN MEXICO CITY APR 26 TO MAY 5, 1977. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE REGION - BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BRITISH CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES, CANADA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CUBA, EL SALVADOR, FRANCE, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, ANTILLES, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, TRINIDAD, TOBAGO AND USA, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF 11 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AN INVITED EXPERT, AND AN OBSERVER FROM GRENADA AND SPAIN, GIVING A TOTAL OF 93 PARTICIPANTS.

2. TWO WORKING COMMITTEES WERE FORMED WITH LIC. VEGA-GUZMAN (COSTA RICA) AND DR. W. GODSON (CANADA) AS
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CHAIRMEN. MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED ARE DESCRIBED IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

3. THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES IN REGION IV WERE EVIDENT IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE TROPICAL CYCLONE PROJECT AGENDA ITEM. NEW PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE OF HURRICANE WARNINGS BY NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL

SERVICES WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF A SUMMARY OF WARNINGS IN EFFECT BY THE REGIONAL METEOROLOGICAL CENTER, MIAMI, WERE DISCUSSED WITH DETAILS OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FORMAT TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE US. TO PROVIDE FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE HURRICANE WARNING SYSTEM FOR REGION IV A WORKING GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED. THIS WAS A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES OF THE REGION IN ISSUING TROPICAL STORM WARNINGS.

4. A NEW REGIONAL BASIC SYNOPTIC NETWORK WAS ADOPTED WHICH INCLUDES AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATIONS ON LAND AND AUTOMATIC MARINE STATIONS WITH SOME OF THE DATA TO BE COLLECTED BY SATELLITES. IN ADDITION TO REGULAR WEATHER OBSERVATION EXCHANGES, INCREASED EXCHANGE OF RADAR REPORTS WAS AGREED TO DURING TROPICAL DISTURBANCES.

5. AS A RESULT OF THE EXPERIMENT IN REPORTING THE STATES OF THE SKY IN THE TROPICAL AREAS OF RA IV, THE ASSOCIATION DECIDED TO USE THE CODE DEVELOPED STARTING JAN 1, 1978.

6. DURING THE MEETING, AS A RESULT OF A SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION OF THE DIRECT BROADCAST CAPABILITY (WEATHER FACSIMILE) OF THE US GEOSTATIONARY METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE, THE ASSOCIATION REQUESTED CONTINUED USE OF THIS MEANS OF REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF PROCESSED WEATHER INFORMATION.

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7. OCEAN AFFAIRS DISCUSSIONS LED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A RAPPORTEUS FOR MARINE METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES.

8. TO PROVIDE FOR THE DATA COLLECTION FOR FGGE THE ASSOCIATION DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM TO MONITOR THE LEVEL II-B DATA SET WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE US.

9. THE WORKING GROUP ON HYDROLOGY WAS REESTABLISHED UNDER WHICH IT IS EXPECTED A STUDY ON THE APPLICATION OF THE WWW SYSTEM TO HYDROLOGICAL FORECASTING IN THE RIO GRANDE (US/MEXICO) BASIN.

10. MR. D. O. VICKERS (JAMAICA) WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT AND MR. S. AGUILAR-ANGUIANO (MEXICO) WAS ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT. THOMPSON

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